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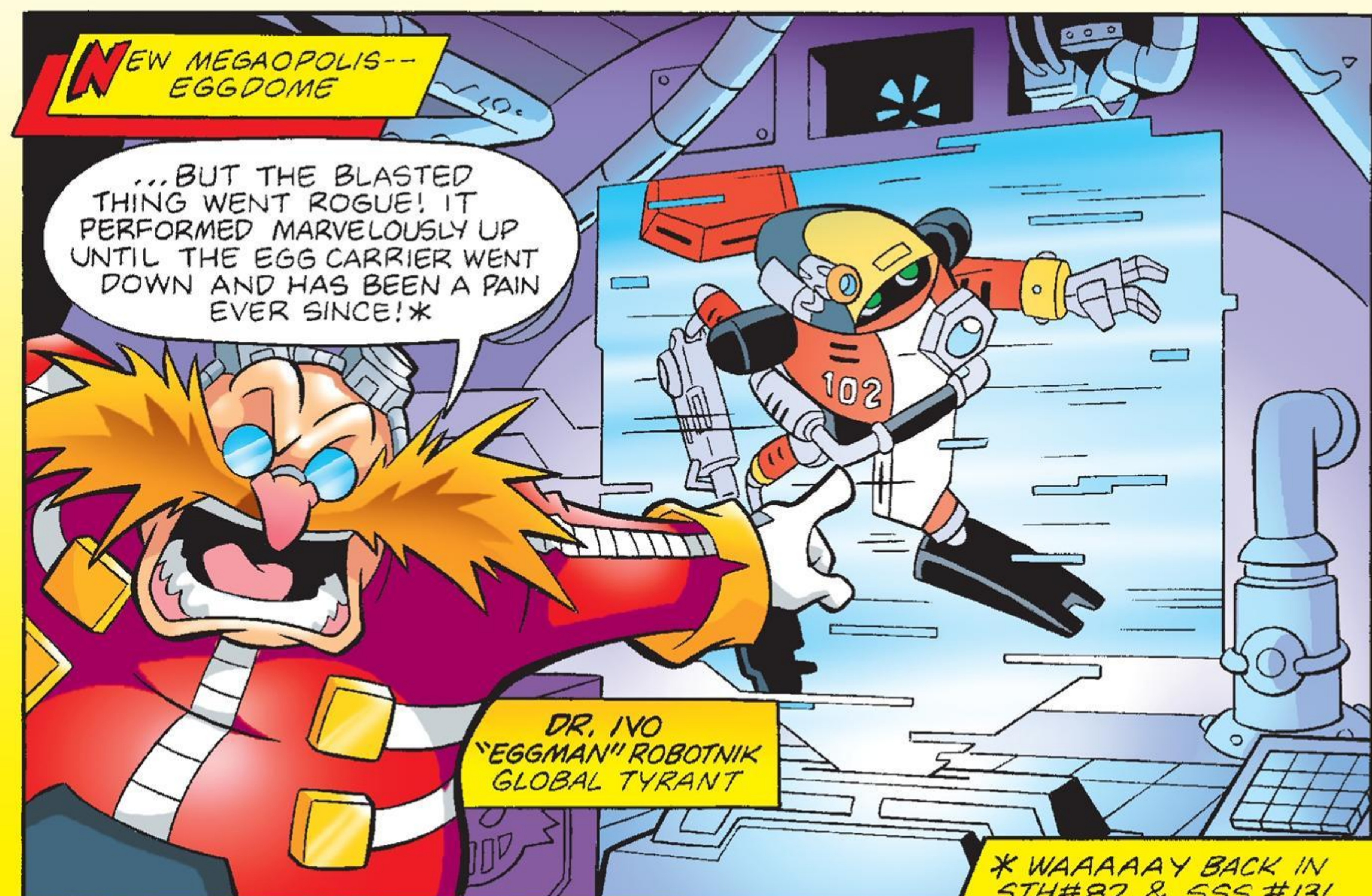
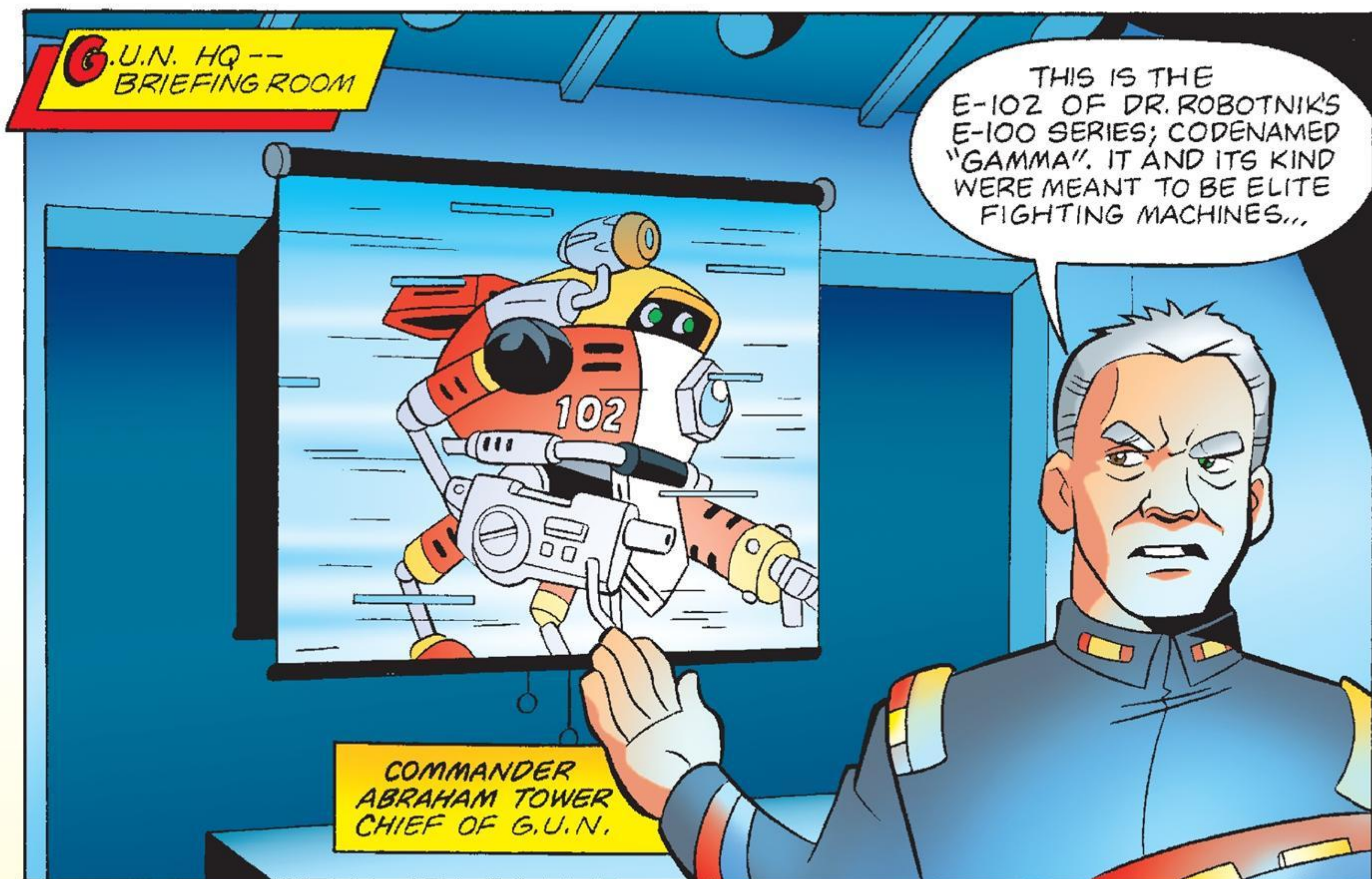
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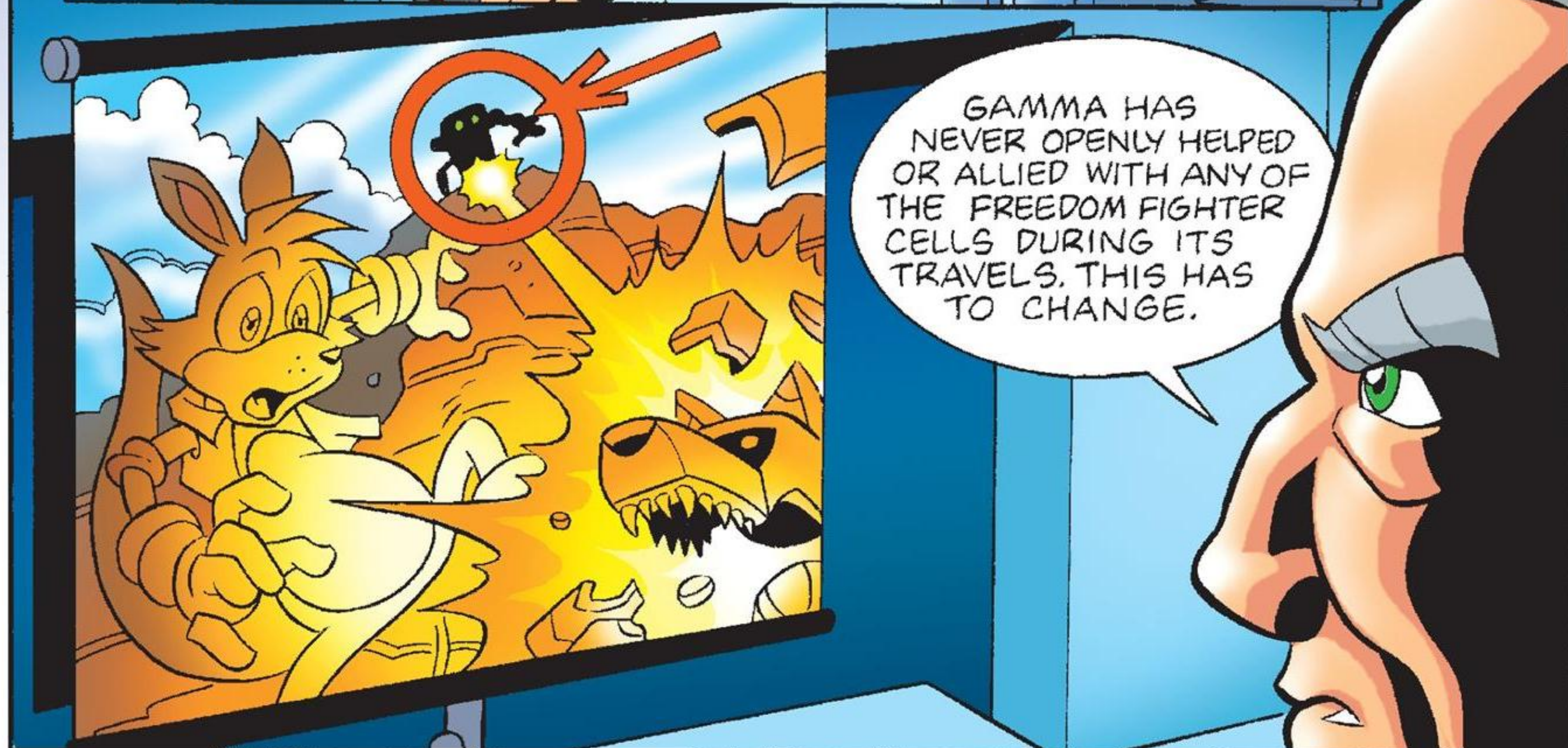
FROM THERE IT WENT ABOUT DESTROYING YOUR "BROTHERS" ONE BY ONE. IF AN OUTPOST OF MINE WAS GUARDED BY AN E-100 UNIT, GAMMA WOULD TAKE IT DOWN!



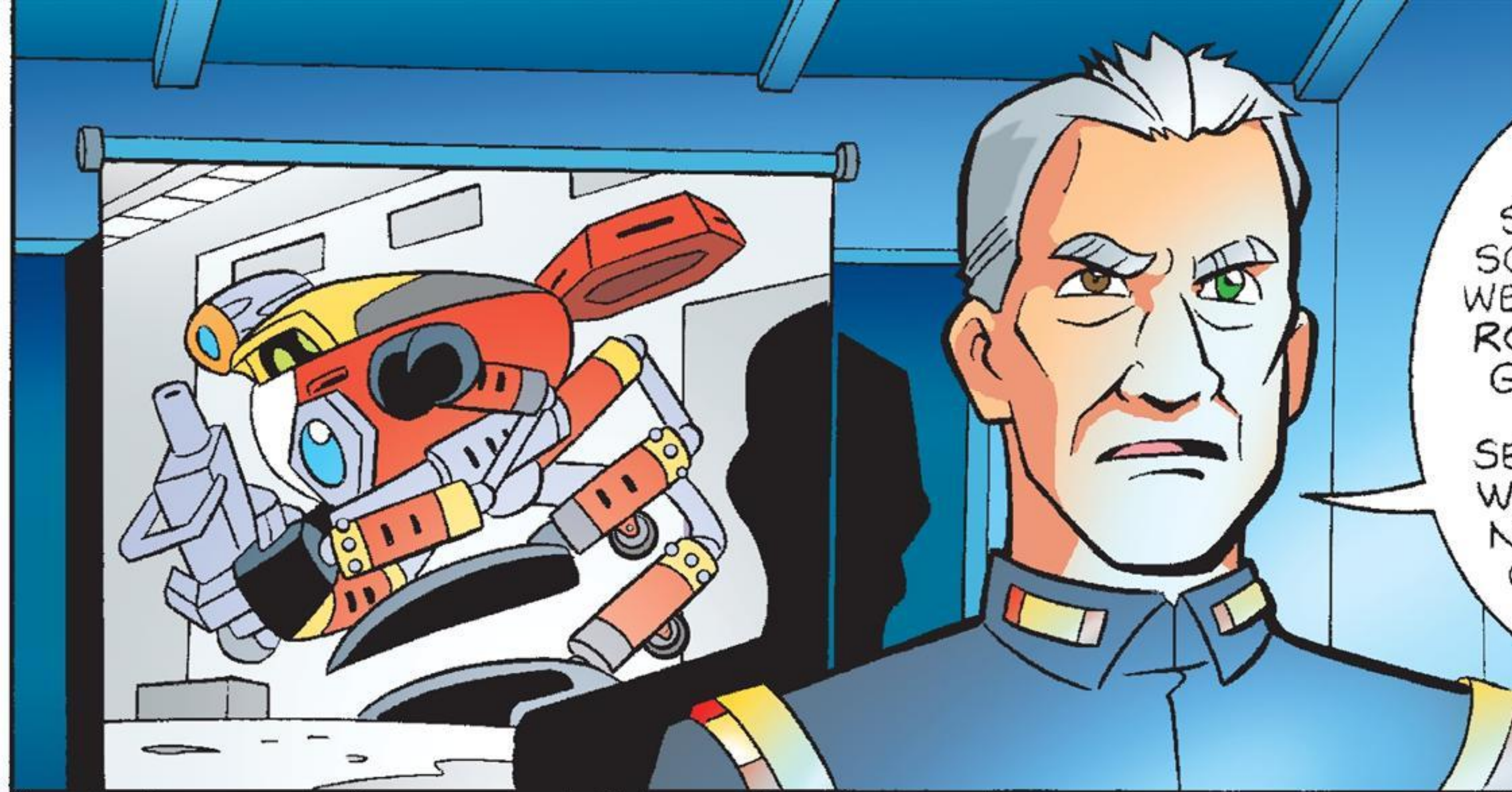
EVEN BETA, WHO SHOWED SO MUCH PROMISE, WAS DESTROYED. A PITY, TOO. I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED THE TIME UPGRADING IT OTHERWISE.



AFTER THE LAST KNOWN E-100 UNIT WAS DESTROYED, GAMMA CONTINUED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD FIGHTING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.



GAMMA HAS NEVER OPENLY HELPED OR ALLIED WITH ANY OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTER CELLS DURING ITS TRAVELS. THIS HAS TO CHANGE.



WORKING SOLO FOR SO LONG IS WEARING THE ROBOT DOWN. GAMMA'S DONE EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE WORLD, AND NOW IT NEEDS OUR HELP.

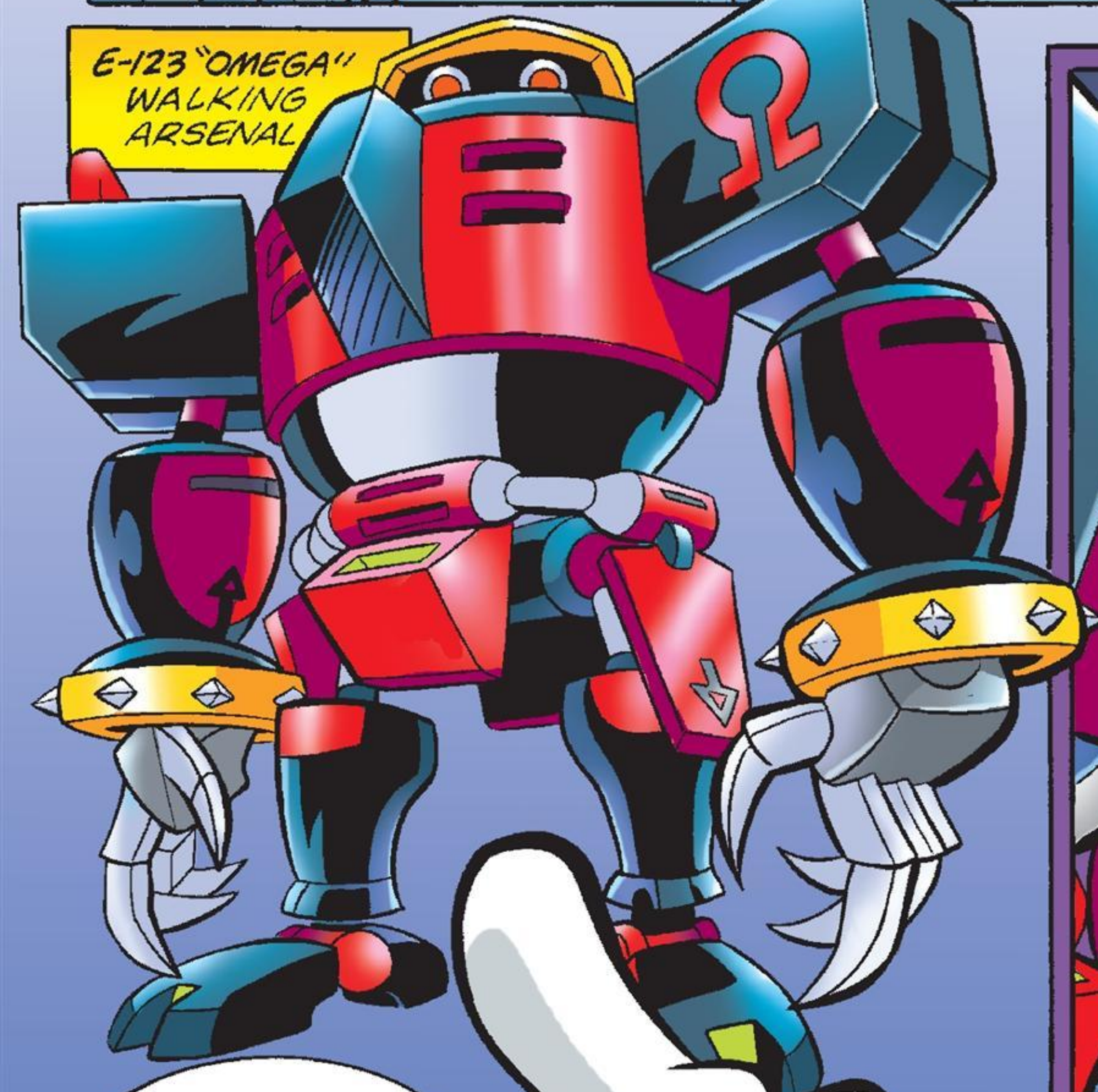


YOUR MISSION IS TO PIN-POINT GAMMA'S LOCATION AND RECRUIT HIM INTO G.U.N. BEFORE ROBOTNIK'S FORCES MANAGE TO TRACK HIM DOWN.

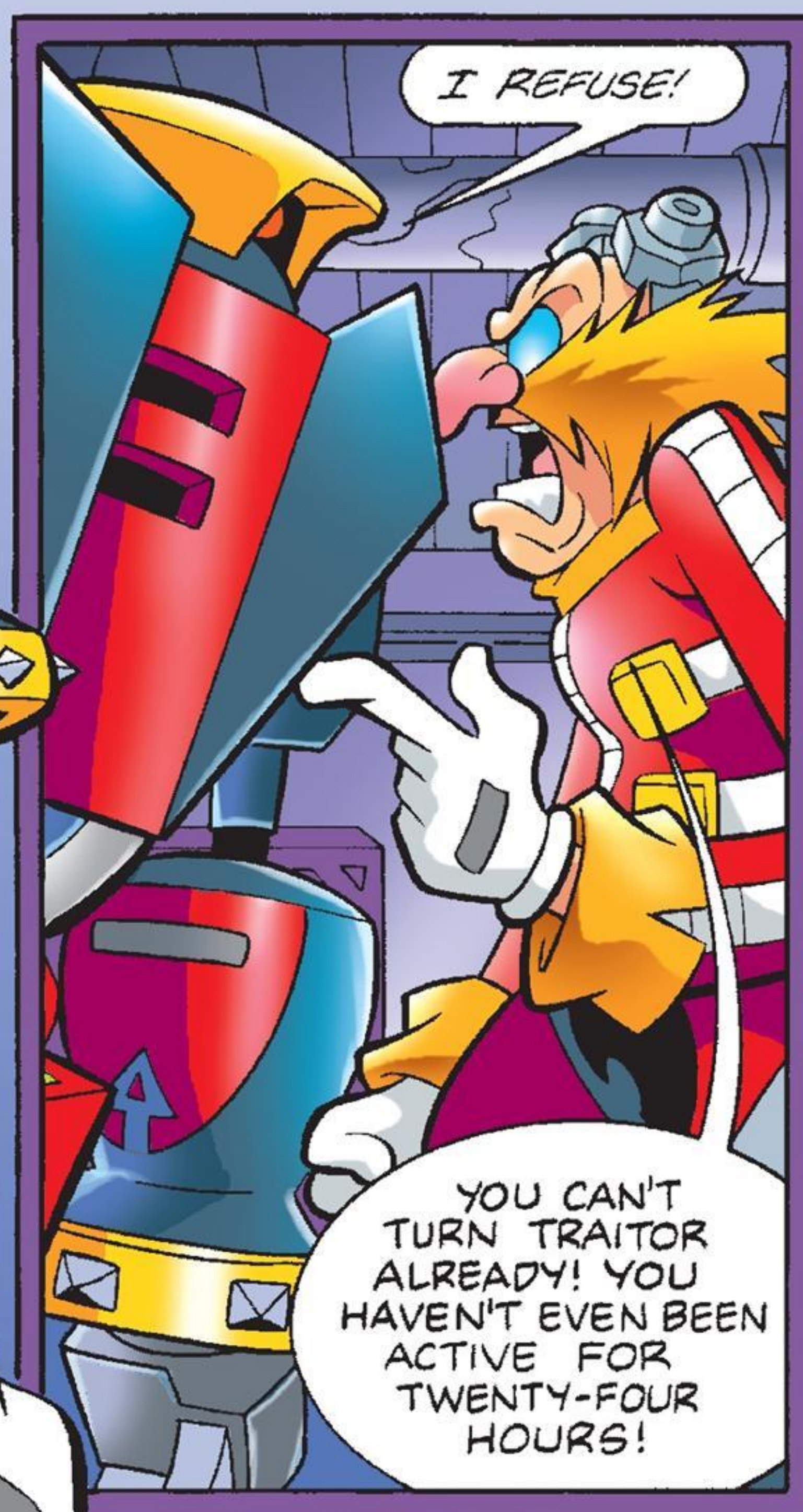
SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG
AGENT OF G.U.N.

THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH.

E-123 "OMEGA"
WALKING
ARSENAL



YOUR MISSION IS TO FIND THAT TRAITOR AND REDUCE IT TO SLAG! THAT SHOULD PROVE SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU.



I REFUSE!

YOU CAN'T TURN TRAITOR ALREADY! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ACTIVE FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

EXACTLY. I HAVE BEEN IN STORAGE FOR OVER A YEAR. I WAS DESIGNED TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. WHY IS MY FIRST MISSION **NOT** TO DESTROY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?



BECAUSE THE RODENT IS **MINE!** NOW DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL PUT YOU BACK INTO STORAGE FOR ANOTHER DECADE!



YOU DEPLOY AS SOON AS YOU'RE PREPARED.



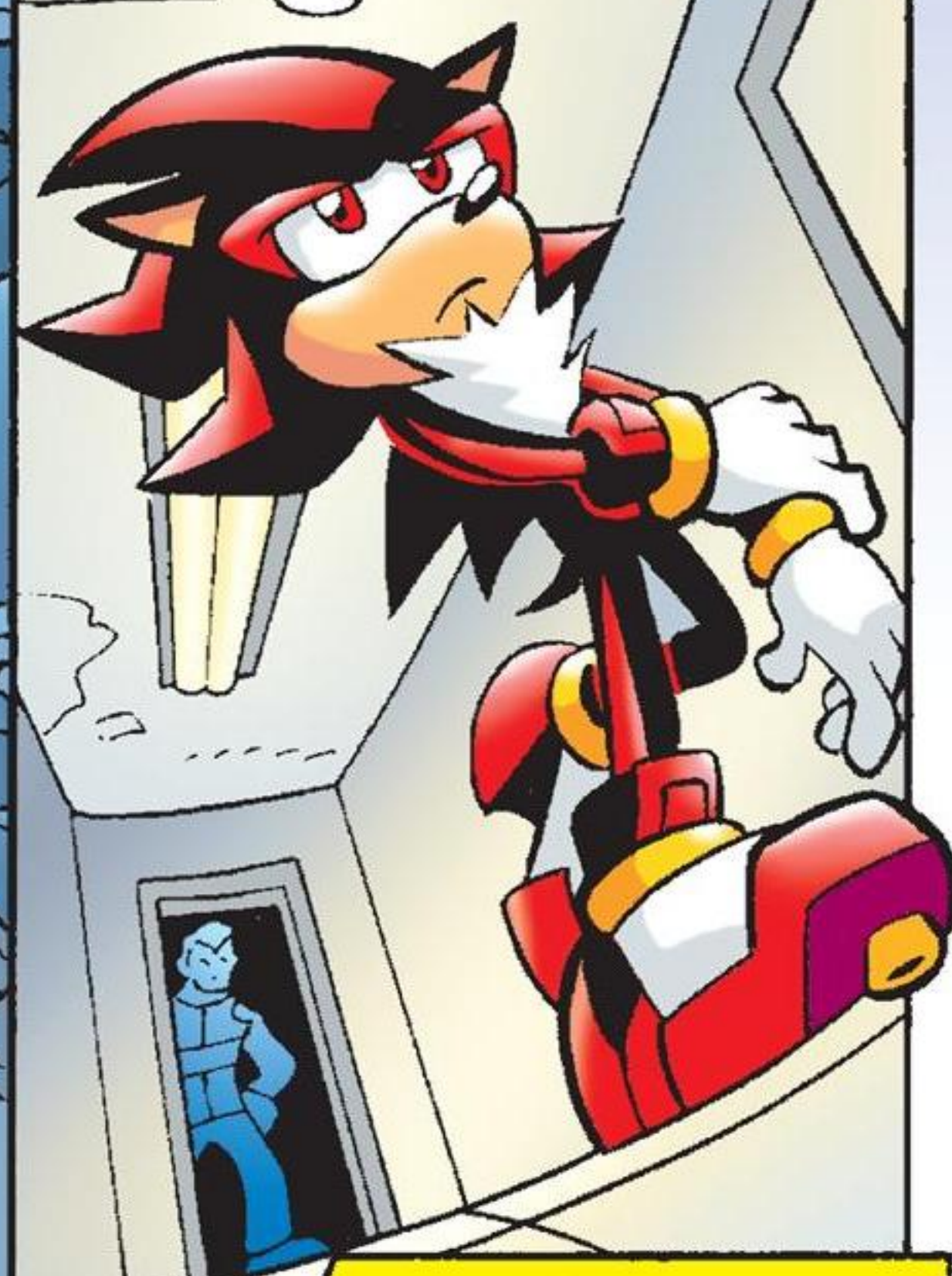
I'M ON MY WAY TO THE HANGAR, THEN.

YOU DON'T WANT **ANY** SUPPORT?

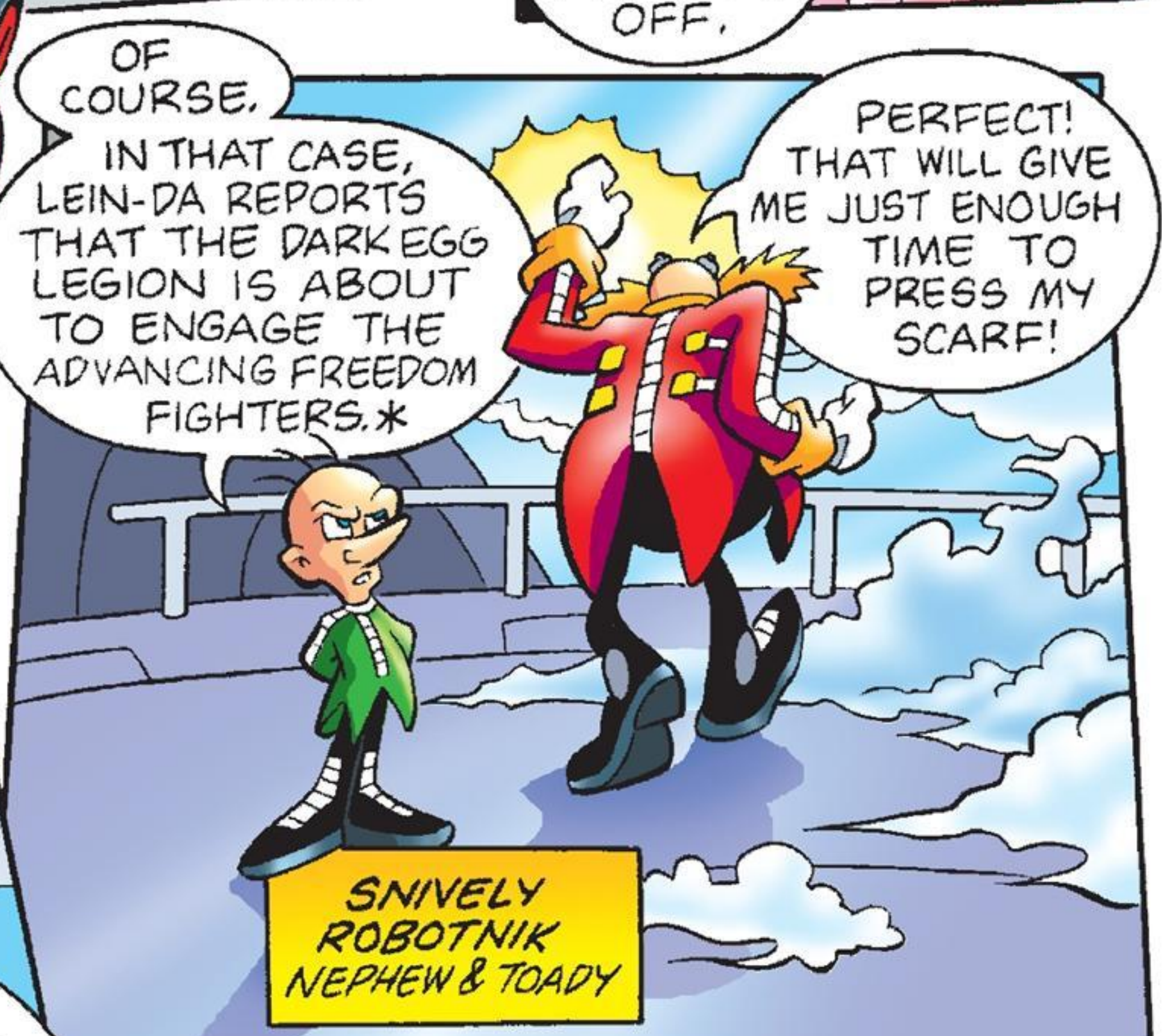
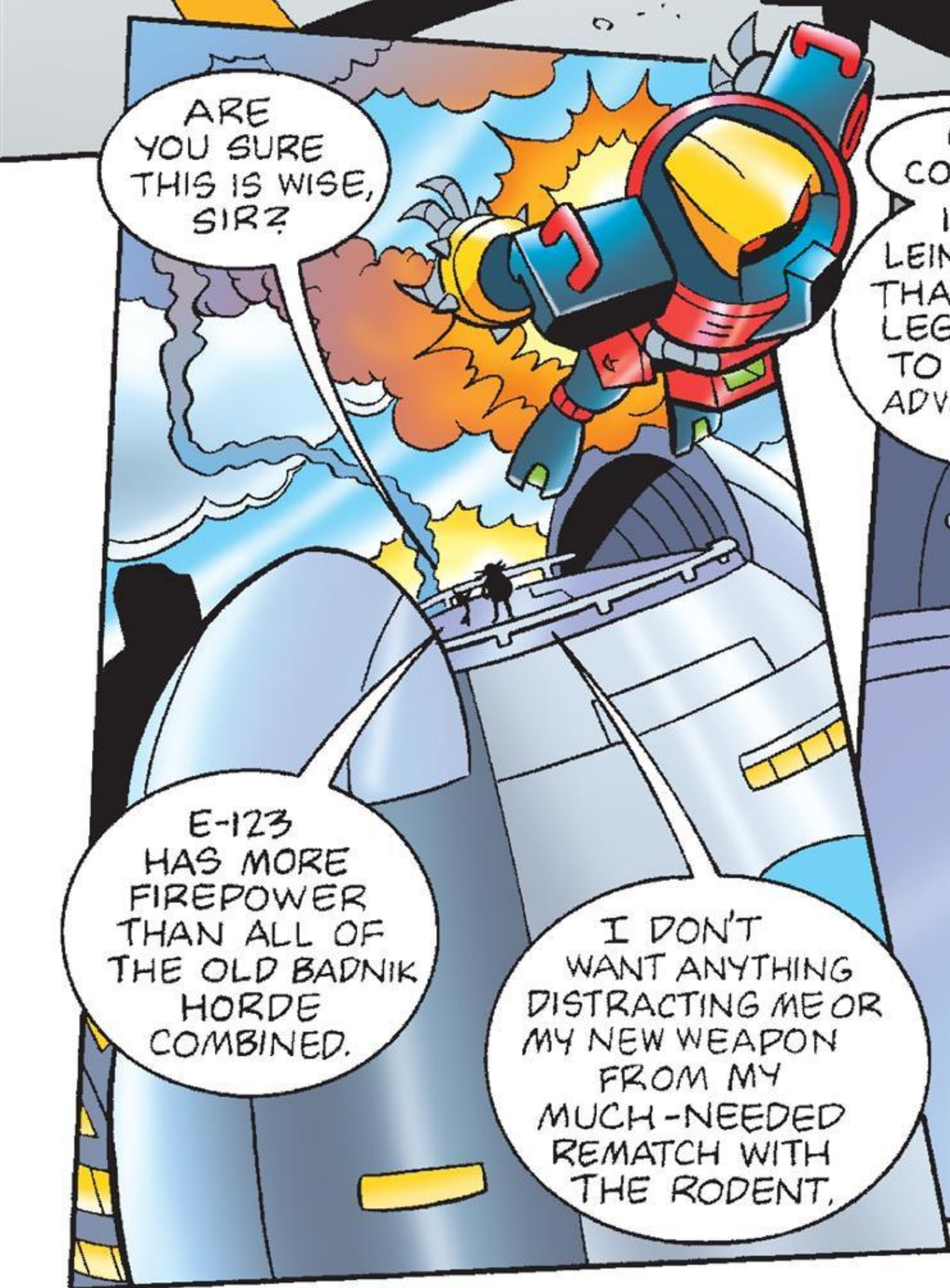
PLEASE. I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. I CAN HANDLE THIS ALONE.



THAT, AND AFTER MY FAILING TO SAVE METAL SONIC,* I NEED TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I CAN DO THIS. I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER LIVING WEAPON BE LOST.



*HURRY AND GRAB SONIC UNIVERSE#1 BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!



* SEE FOR YOURSELF IN STH# 199!

HOURS
LATER

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME.

WE'RE
OVER
THE
DROP
ZONE!

BAD
TIME
TO
FIND
OUT
IF
YOU'RE
AFRAID
OF
HEIGHTS.

STOP TRYING
TO BE FUNNY.
YOU'RE FAILING.

FINE, FINE.
GET YOUR 'CHUTE
AND...

I DON'T
NEED ONE.

FWUMP

FWUMP

THESE TRACKS LOOK LIKE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED BY GAMMA. IN ITS CONDITION, IT WAS PROBABLY MOVING DOWNHILL FOR EASE.



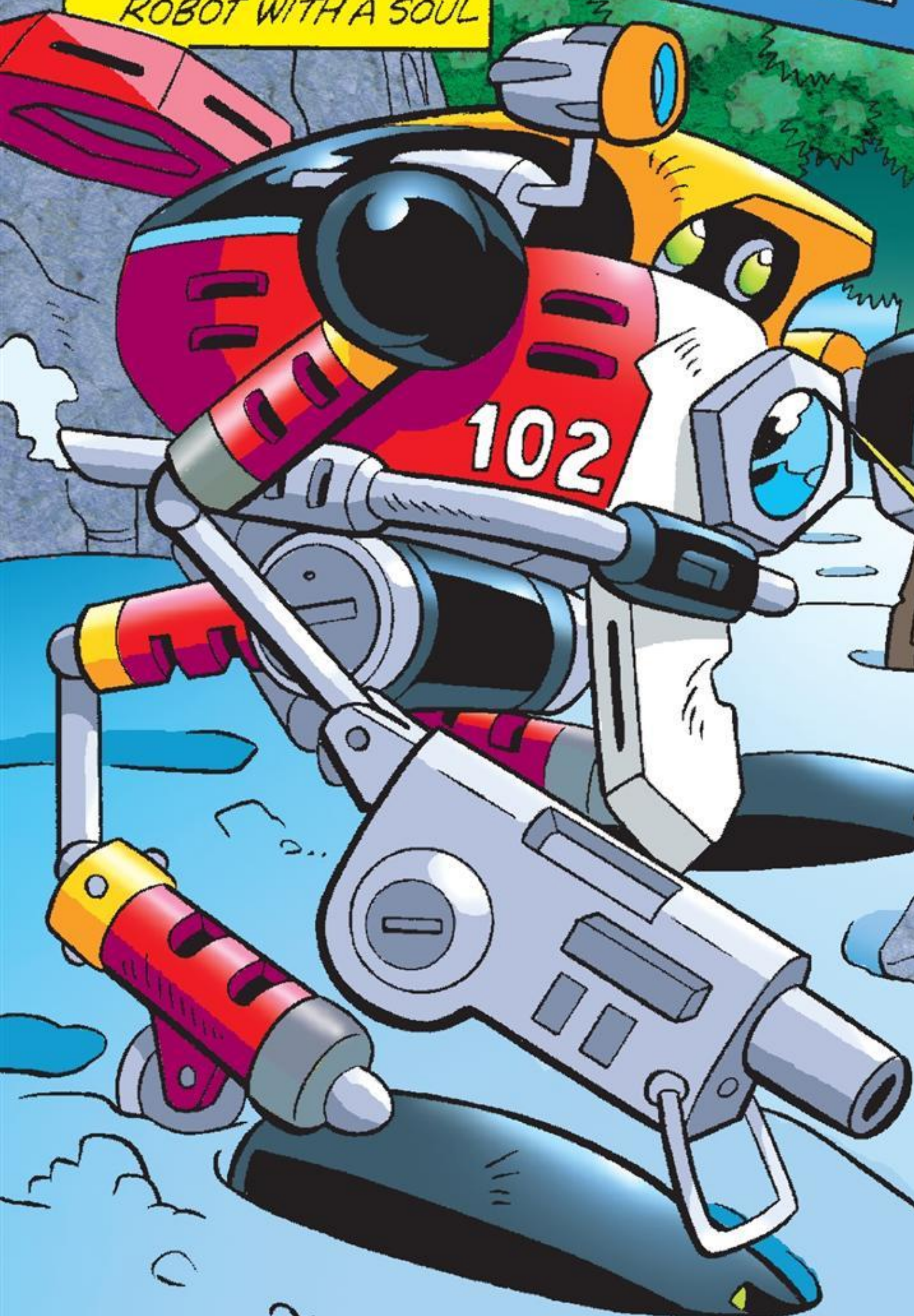
FOR AN ELITE KILLING MACHINE, IT'S DONE A TERRIBLE JOB OF COVERING ITS TRACKS.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.
CREATED BY
PROFESSOR
GERALD ROBOTNIK.
ON FILE AS SERVING
THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE.



E-102 "GAMMA"
ROBOT WITH A SOUL



ALSO ON FILE
AS REBELLING.
NOW CONSIDERED
PRIORITY-ONE
STATUS. SURPRISINGLY
GULLIBLE FOR MY
TRACKS-IN-THE-SNOW
TRAP.

HELLO,
GAMMA.





I APPRECIATE YOU NOT BLOWING MY HEAD OFF.

YOU ARE AN ENEMY OF THE DOCTOR'S. YOU ARE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY, BUT I TRAVEL ALONE. ASSISTANCE WOULD ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.



I ONCE THOUGHT THE SAME. COME WITH ME. JOIN G.U.N. SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SUPPORT TEAM CAN MAKE.

THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATION. YOU SERVE THE UNITED FEDERATION NOW? THAT IS SURPRISING.

OH?

I DOWNLOADED YOUR FILE. YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM. WHAT COULD I, OR ANYONE ELSE, OFFER YOU?



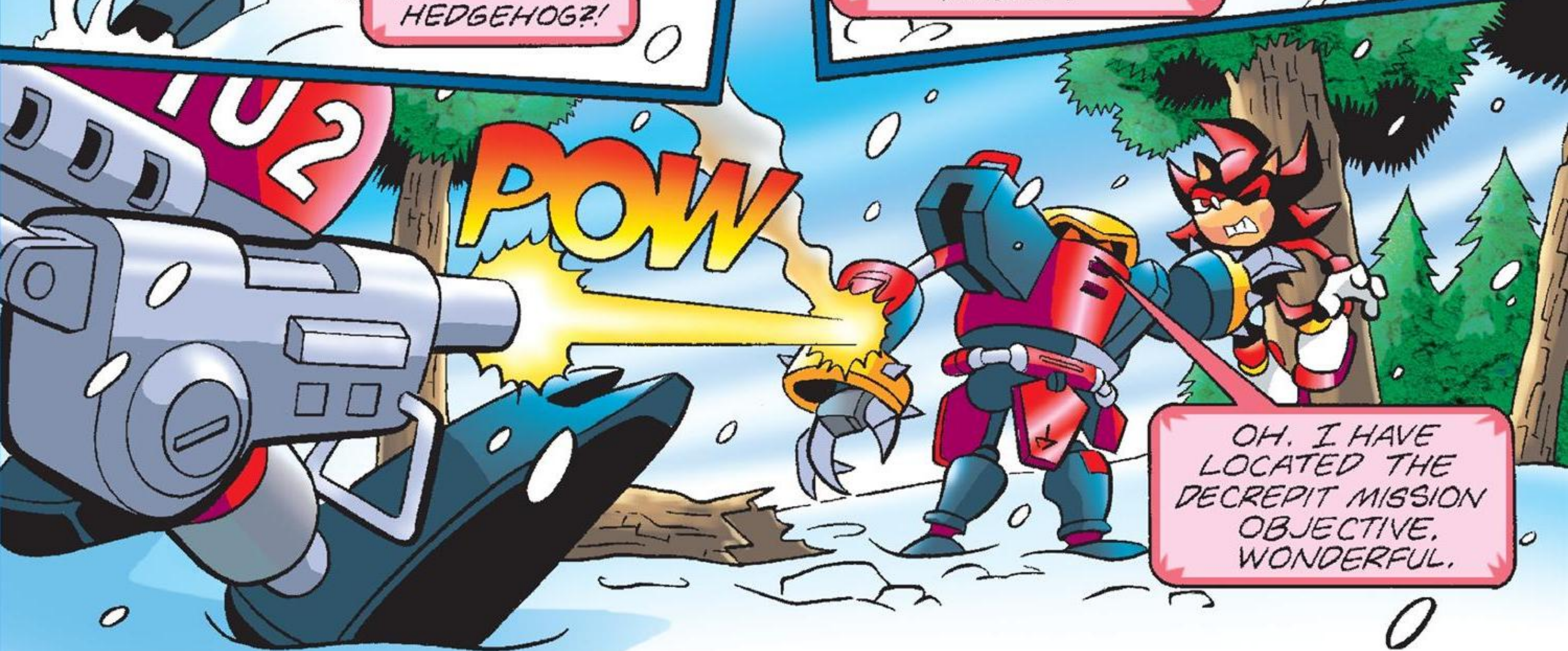
A SAFE PLACE TO REST, WHEN I NEED IT. INFORMATION, SO MY TIME ISN'T WASTED SEARCHING. ACCESS TO THE WORLD WITH GREATER EFFICIENCY. YOU CAN MAKE AN EVEN GREATER DIFFERENCE.



PERHAPS IT IS TIME. FOR NOW.



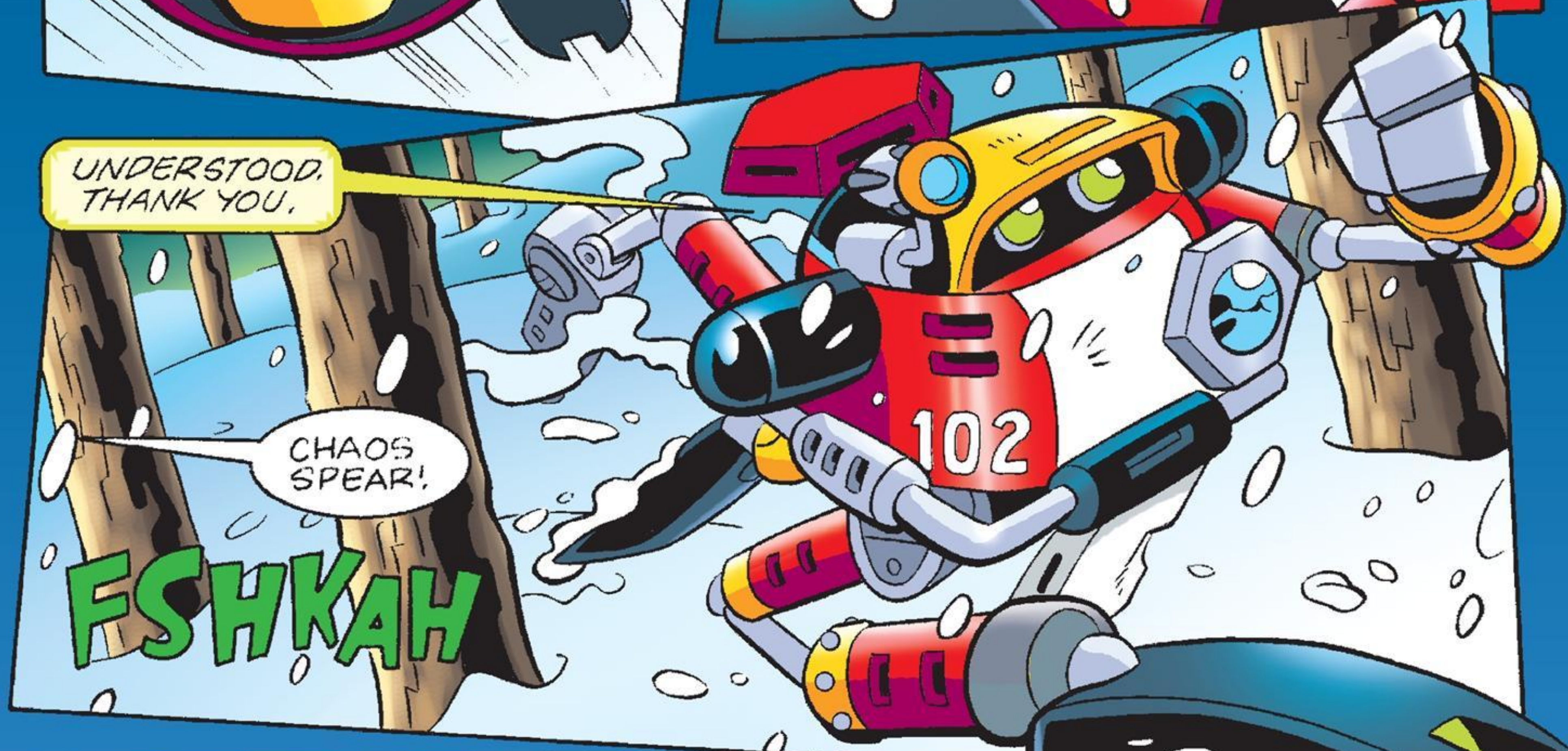
Where--?





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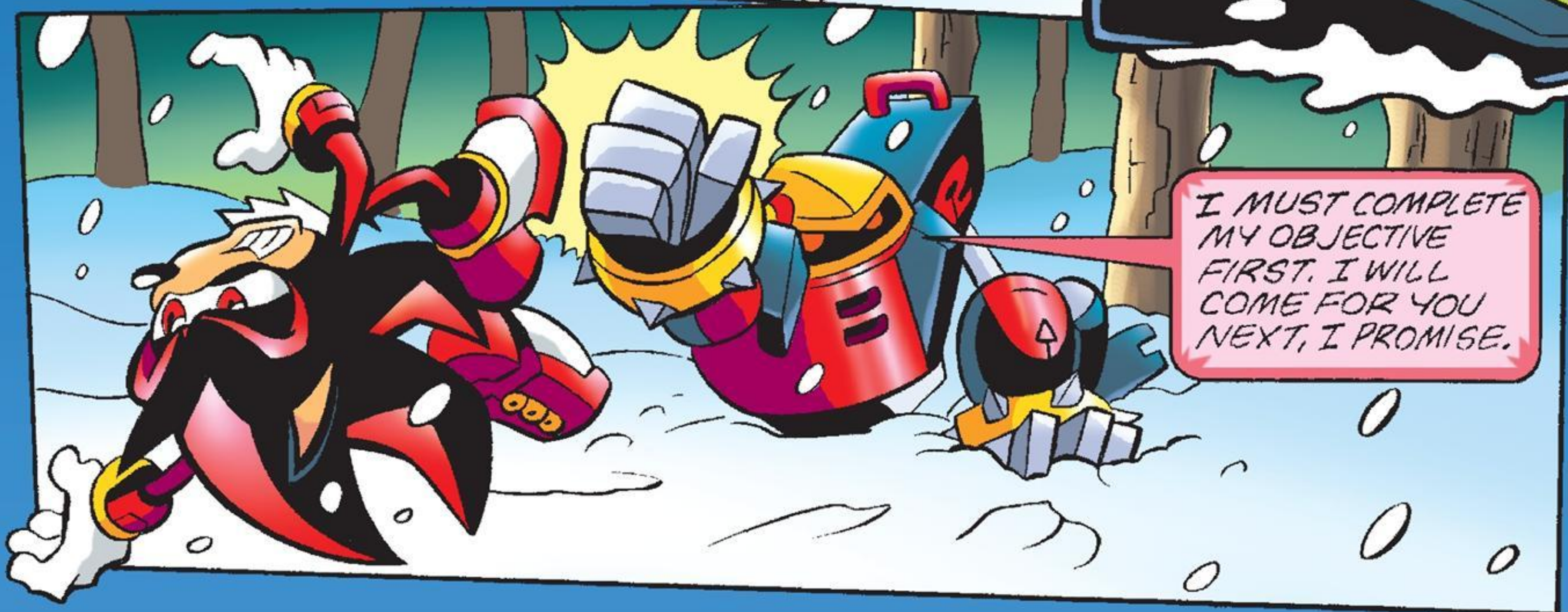
GAMMA!
GET TO THE
EXTRACTION
POINT!
I'LL COVER
YOU!



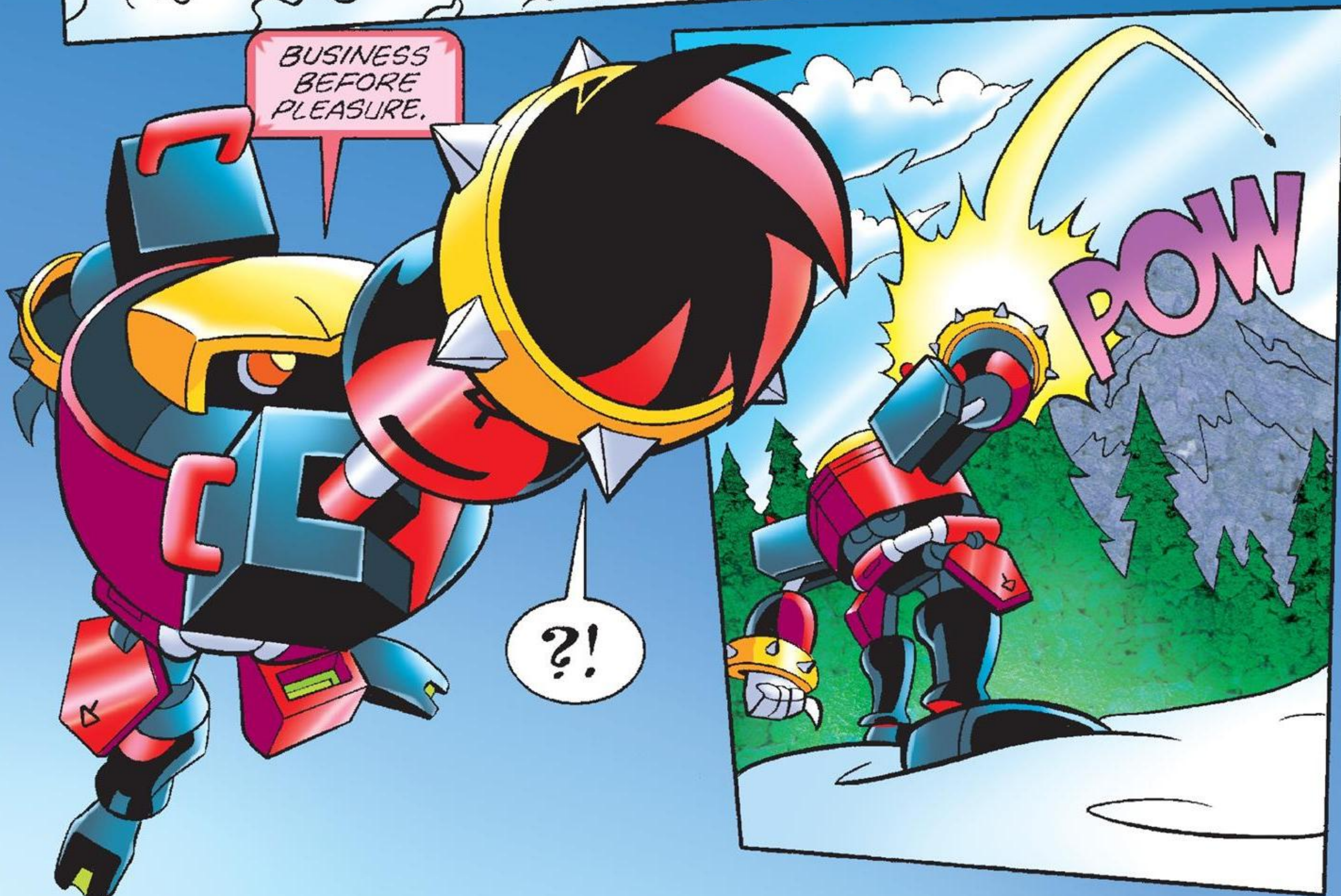
UNDERSTOOD,
THANK YOU,

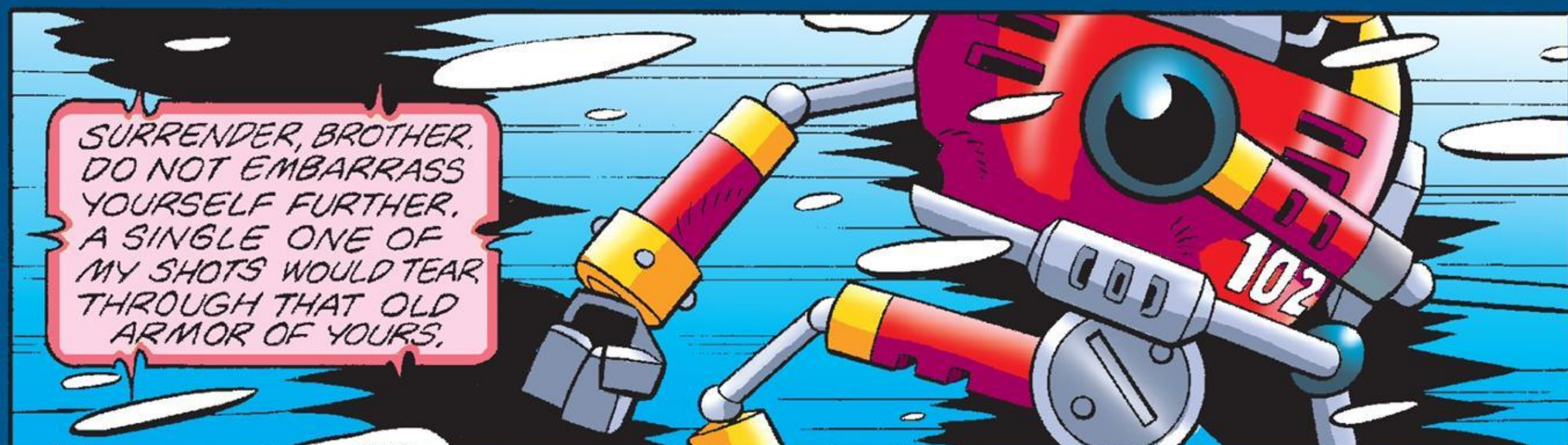
CHAOS
SPEAR!

FSHKAH



I MUST COMPLETE
MY OBJECTIVE
FIRST. I WILL
COME FOR YOU
NEXT, I PROMISE.





SURRENDER, BROTHER.
DO NOT EMBARRASS
YOURSELF FURTHER.
A SINGLE ONE OF
MY SHOTS WOULD TEAR
THROUGH THAT OLD
ARMOR OF YOURS.

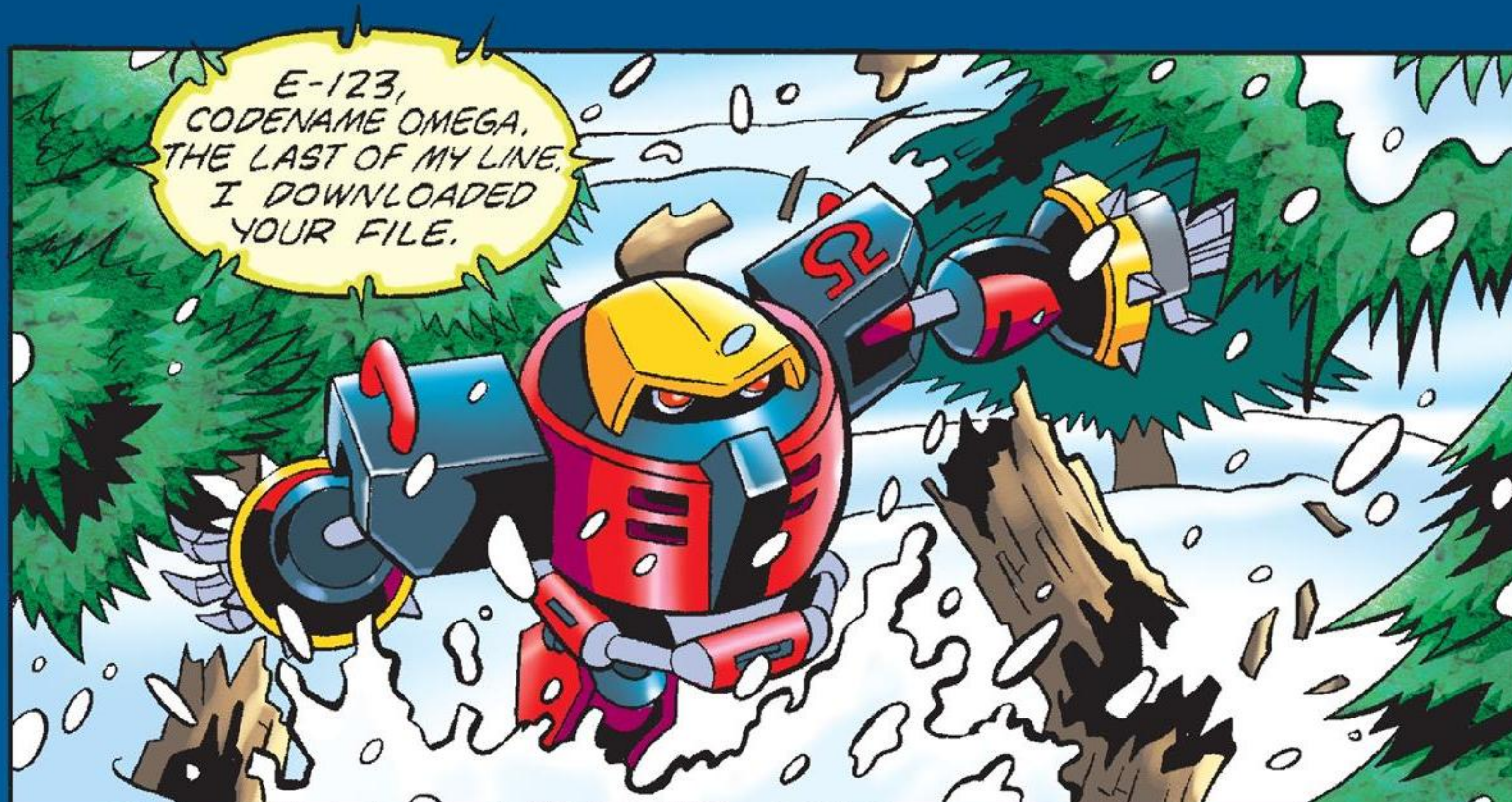


I DETECT SMOKE. IS
THAT YOUR GRAV-LINKED
JET DISK? PATHETIC.
YOU WOULD NOT GET
FAR WITH IT, EVEN IF
IT WERE IN PERFECT
CONDITION.



YOU ARE
OUTDATED, BROTHER.
SLOWER, WEAKER.
YOU CANNOT
OUTRUN ME...

... AND THAT
PITIFUL GUN OF
YOURS CANNOT
HARM ME.







SO HAVE YOU.
I AM OUTDATED.
THE RESISTANCE
FORCES NEED
SOMETHING
MORE.

YOU
SURRENDER?
FINALLY.

HOLD ON,
GAMMA! I'M
COMING!

I SEE NOW HOW
YOU COULD DEFEAT
THE OTHERS. I WILL
GIVE YOU A
GLORIOUS
DESTRUCTION!

YOU WILL NEVER
DESTROY ALL OF
ME, BROTHER.

YOU CANNOT
DESTROY MY
SOUL.

WE ARE ROBOTS.
WE DON'T
HAVE THOSE.

WE CAN
HAVE THEM.
AND I WILL
SHOW YOU.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.
FULL
BARRAGE!

DATA-STREAM
ACQUIRED.
UPLOAD
COMPLETE.

CHATTA
CHATTACHKAN
BOOM

NO!!!





WH-WHAT IS THIS?
UNFAMILIAR
INTERNAL READINGS...
ANALYZING...
"REMORSE"?!



... GAMMA?

YES AND
NO. I ISOLATED
THE CODING I
DEVELOPED WHEN
I GAINED MY
OWN WILL AND
SENT IT TO
OMEGA.

VIRUS
ALERT!
PURGE!
PURGE!

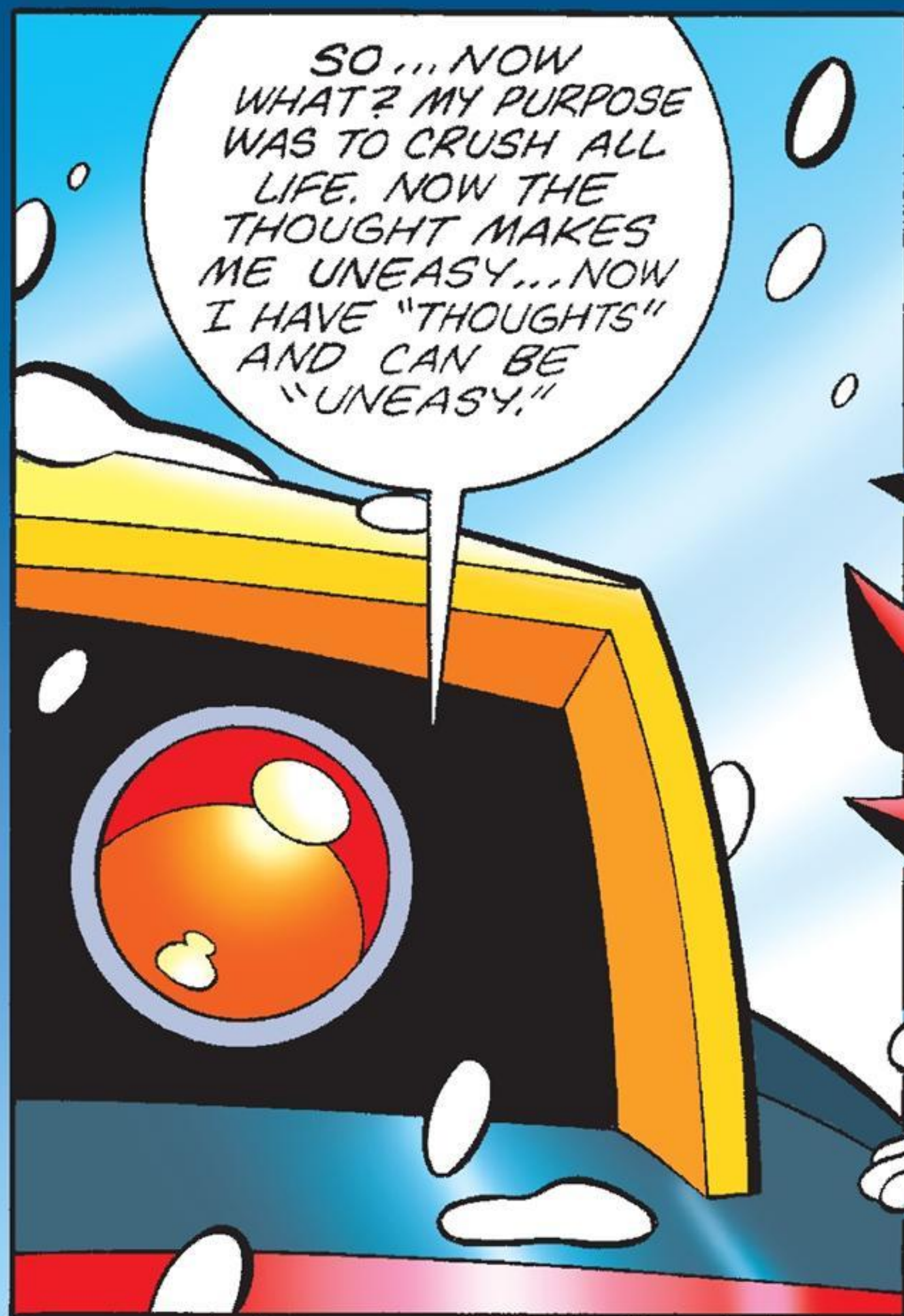


NOT A
VIRUS--A NEW
LIFE. YOU ARE MORE
THAN A WEAPON NOW,
BROTHER. YOU HAVE
A SOUL. MY GIFT
TO YOU.



AS MY CODE
INTEGRATES,
"GAMMA" MAY
DISAPPEAR--

--BUT MY
MISSION
LIVES ON,



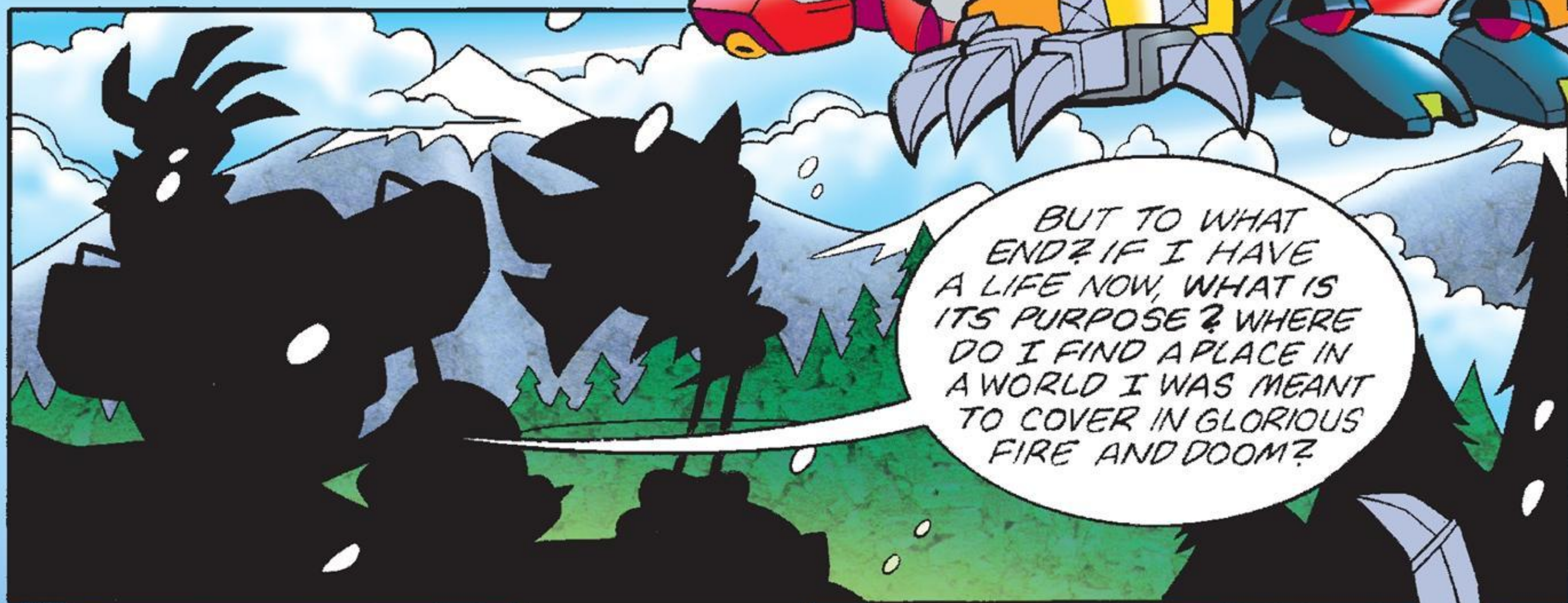
SO... NOW
WHAT? MY PURPOSE
WAS TO CRUSH ALL
LIFE. NOW THE
THOUGHT MAKES
ME UNEASY... NOW
I HAVE "THOUGHTS"
AND CAN BE
"UNEASY."



DO WHAT
GAMMA WOULD,
JOIN G.U.N.,
HELP ME PROTECT
ALL LIFE INSTEAD
OF...

CRUSH,
MAIM AND
DESTROY?

...YES.



BUT TO WHAT
END? IF I HAVE
A LIFE NOW, WHAT IS
ITS PURPOSE? WHERE
DO I FIND A PLACE IN
A WORLD I WAS MEANT
TO COVER IN GLORIOUS
FIRE AND DOOM?



LIVING
IS NOT EASY.
UNTIL THEN, YOU
CAN FIND A TEMPORARY
PURPOSE IN INTRODUCING
THE DOCTOR TO
THAT "FIRE
AND DOOM."

OF COURSE!
REVENGE FOR
WASTING MY
POTENTIAL!

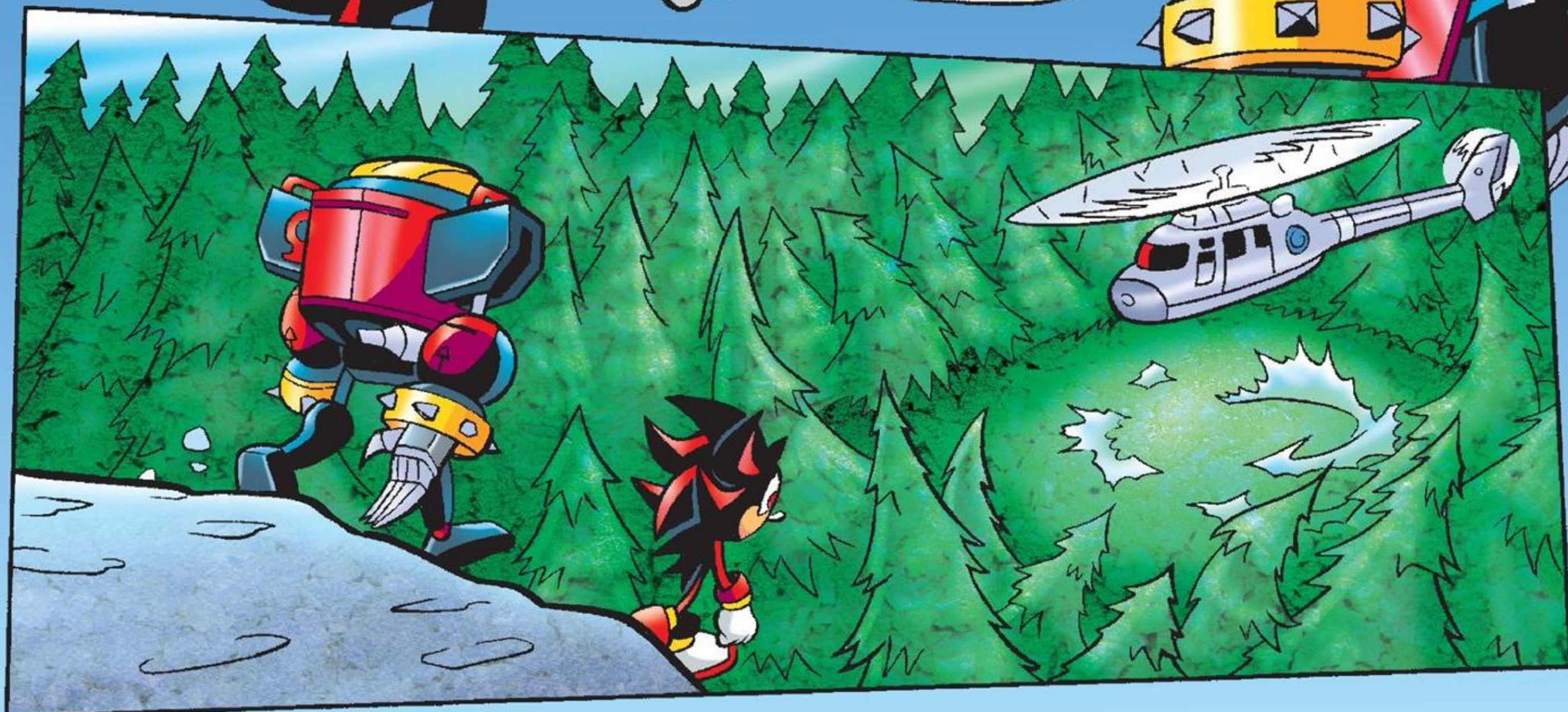
A SHORT
MOMENT
LATER...

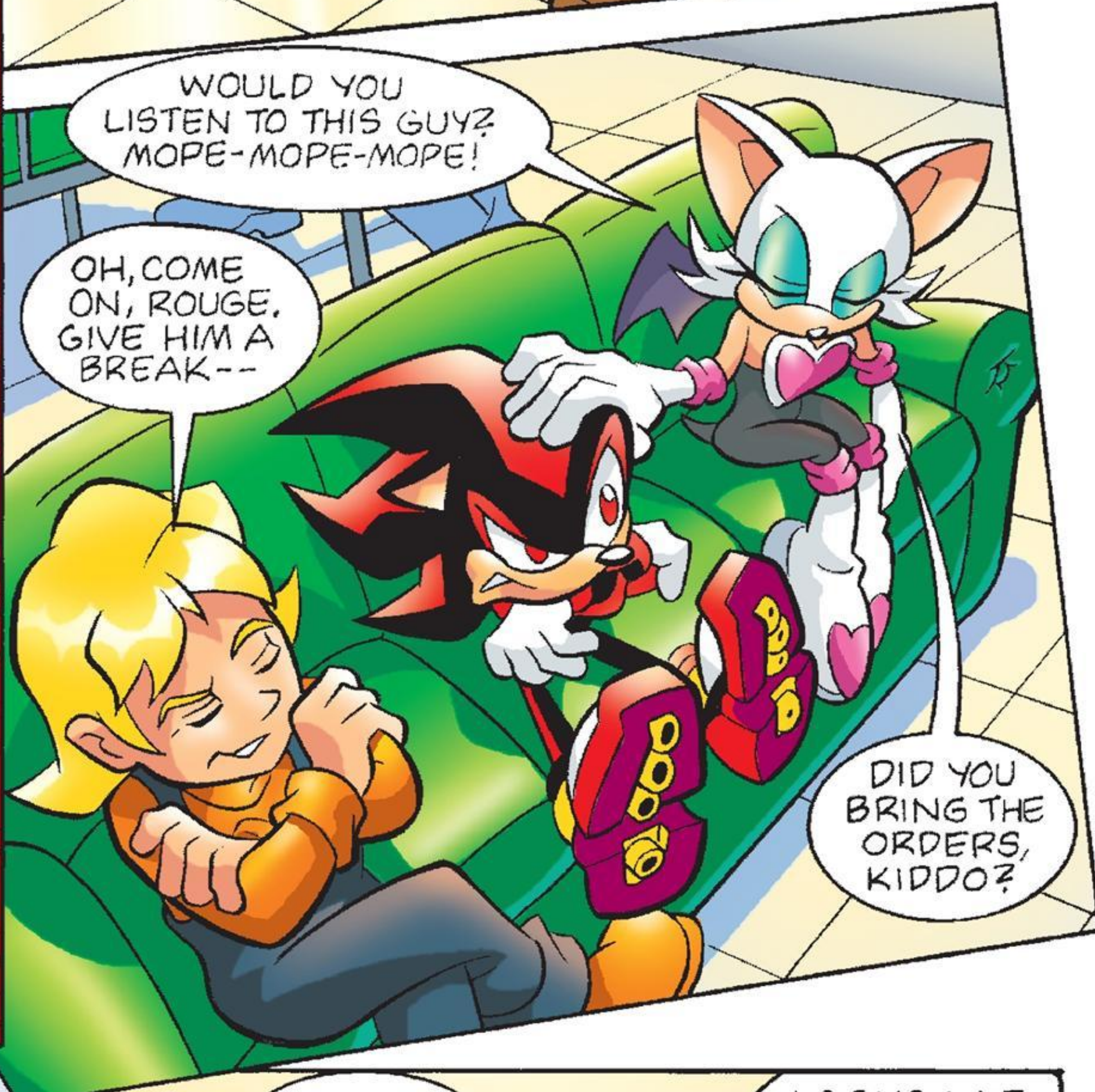
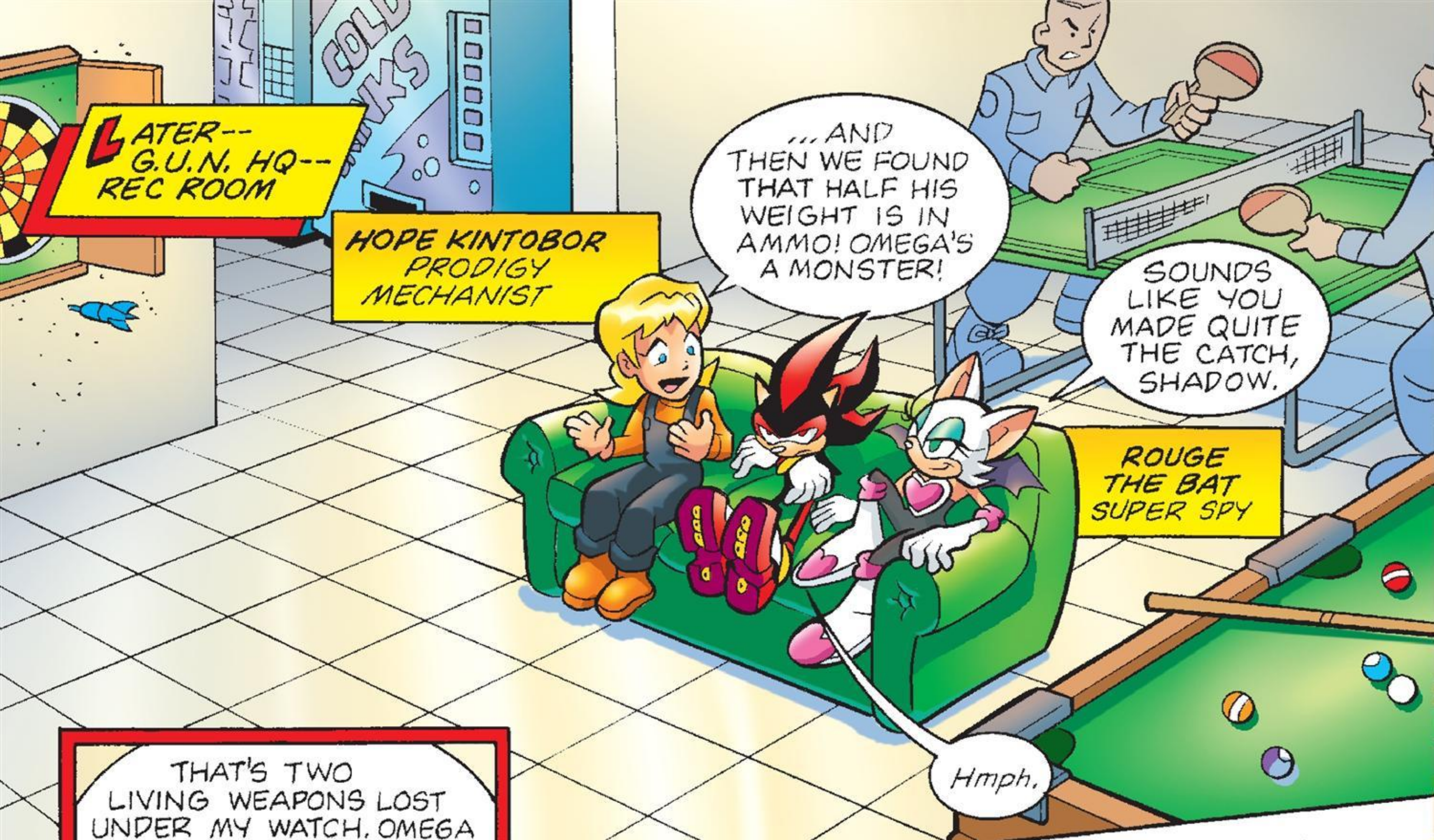
IF YOU
TELL ANYONE
IN G.U.N. I MADE
A GRAVE MARKER,
OR WHINED ABOUT
MY PLACE IN THE
WORLD, I WILL
TURN YOU INTO
LINKED
SAUSAGE.

SO YOU
ACCEPT MY
OFFER?

YES.
THE MISSION--
MY MISSION--
MUST
CONTINUE.

THIS IS
AGENT SHADOW.
MISSION
ACCOMPLISHED.
REQUESTING
PICK-UP.







SO
THAT
MEANS...

THAT'S RIGHT,
HANDSOME. WE'RE
HEADING TO THE
SPECIAL ZONE.
THE COMMANDER
WANTS ANOTHER
*CHAOS
EMERALD!*

Rest in peace, Gamma—but your mission lives on!

Can Shadow really reach the Special Zone?

More importantly—can he survive long enough to get a Chaos Emerald?

Sonic Universe #4 unveils

TEAM DARK!

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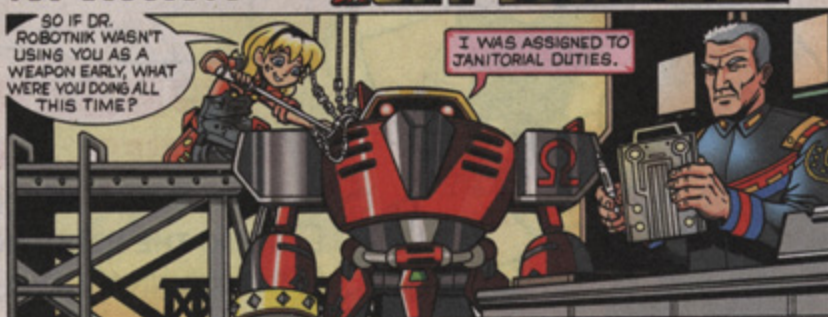
**SO, WHO DO YA CALL
WHEN THERE'S A GOD-LIKE
SUPER-BEING STANDING IN
THE WAY OF YOUR PRIZE?**
TWO WORDS: TEAM DARK
HITTIN' STANDS THE
WEEK OF 6/8/09!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 200!



THE WAIT IS OVER!
BE HERE FOR THE BIG ONE, WHEN
BATTLES ARE FOUGHT, SECRETS
ARE REVEALED, AND
TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY!
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 5/25/09!

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